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REMARKS

Claims 1 through 21 are pending and have been canceled. Claims 22-40 have been added by preliminary amendment.

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CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully requests entering of Claims 22-40 into the application. If there are any matters that may be handled by telephone discussion, the Examiner is kindly requested to telephone the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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